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The Honorable Kevin Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Written *Ex Parte* Communication; WT Docket Nos. 06-150, 06-169 and 96-86;
PS Docket No. 06-229

Dear Chairman Martin:

On behalf of the Arlington Police Association we are writing to urge the Commission to take advantage of the historic opportunity before it to dramatically improve public safety communications for all first responders. If it makes the right decision and designates at least 10 MHz of commercial spectrum (known as E Block) for a public/private broadband partnership, the FCC can bring an end to the days when lives are lost because one agency cannot talk to another agency.

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Sincerely,

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Randle H. Meadows, President
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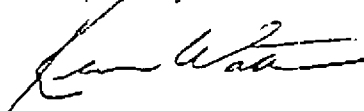
As a strong advocate for America's public safety forces, I write to you today about the critical situation facing our nation's first responders. At stake, an undeveloped, revolutionary frontier of a wireless America, deserving of a national broadband first-response communications network. It would be safe to suggest that any individual who had the technological foresight to alleviate communication breakdown during times of national crises, would have done so. Looking ahead to this country's future, we should not have to cross that unexpected bridge alone; together, we can work towards constructing an instantaneous national emergency communications system.

The team at Frontline Wireless has developed a national hybrid model solution. Using a uniquely balanced and flexible portion of the 700 MHz spectrum known as the "E Block", Frontline offers a co-existence between an interoperable national alarm system and a segment designated for commercial space. By accepting Frontline's bidding proposal, the FCC will dutifully grant a competitive opportunity to entities seeking to provide broadband first-response communication technology.

There are complementary advantages as well. There are no hidden governmental costs as the winning licensee would be financially responsible for complete national construction. Furthermore, our nation would benefit by having yet another level of defense for when emergencies unexpectedly arise. No longer will rural areas be kept in the dark, challenged by lack of vital safety information. Frontline's Plan encourages rural wireless carriers to gain access to a nationwide roaming network, without expensive startup costs. At a moments notice, America would be interconnected for the latest updates and precautions.

I strongly urge you to consider what is at stake. Take preventative action by licensing the 700 MHz spectrum known as "E Block" for first-response communication. Together, we can make bold strides towards the future for a safer America.

Respectfully,




Kevin Watts
Former Ohio Fire Marshal
Former President of the Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters

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cc: Congressman Tim Ryan

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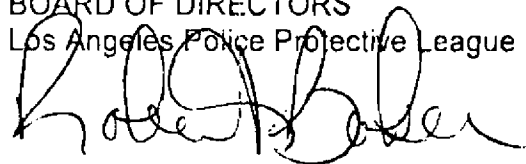
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Thank you for your consideration of our views on this important matter.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Los Angeles Police Protective League



ROBERT BAKER
President

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cc: FCC Commissioners



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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Written *Ex Parte* Communication; WT Docket Nos. 06-150, 06-169 and 96-86; PS Docket No. 06-229

Dear Chairman Martin:

On behalf of the El Paso Municipal Police Officers' Association, we are writing to urge the Commission to take advantage of the historic opportunity before it to dramatically improve public safety communications for all first responders. If it makes the right decision and designates at least 10 MHz of commercial spectrum (known as the "E Block") for a public/private broadband partnership, the FCC can bring an end to the days when lives are lost because one agency cannot talk to another agency.

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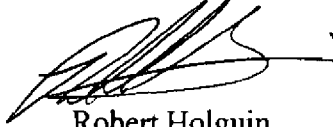
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Sincerely,

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Robert Holguin
President

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James Murray

July 9, 2007

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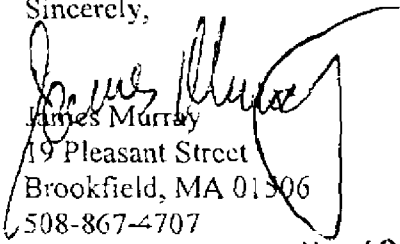
Dear Chairman Martin:

I have been working in public safety as a correctional officer at the Worcester (MA) County House of Correction and a police officer in two Central Massachusetts towns for 17 years. I am currently assigned to a plain clothes position for a regional drug and counter crime task force. I have made a commitment to making my community safer for everyone. I believe that to do so requires my department to do what ever it takes to get the job done. It is critical that my team and other agencies be able to communicate in an efficient and comprehensive way. That is why it is important that the FCC designate at least 10 MHz of commercial spectrum for public use through a private partnership.

In order to develop this communication network, funding and a larger spectrum are essential. The plan proposed by Frontline Wireless provides both of these components. They plan to build out the network with private capital, which will allow the doubling of spectrum available to first responders.

This build out will serve 99 percent of the state, and allow local agencies control over the system. The Frontline Wireless plan will make my job easier and it will save lives in the future. I hope you will give this proposal due consideration and look favorably on making the needed commercial spectrum available.

Sincerely,


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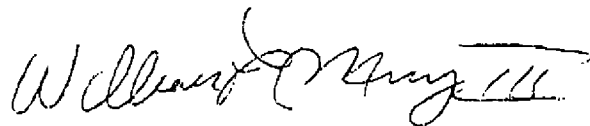
Chairman Martin:

As both a Fire Fighter and EMT for 23 years, I have worked to make my community safer for everyone. To accomplish this goal it is critical that my station house be able to communicate with local and state police, as well as other public safety agencies. The plan proposed by Frontline Wireless is important because it designates the FCC at put out to bid at least 10 MHz of commercial spectrum for public use through a private partnership.

In order to develop a national communication network, funding and a larger spectrum are essential. Frontline Wireless provides both of these components. They would use private capital to build out the network, which will allow the doubling of spectrum available to first responders. This build out would be maintained under local control and will serve 99% of the United States.

Frontline Wireless has a plan that would help save lives. I believe that you should give strong consideration to this plan, and look favorably on making the needed commercial spectrum available.

Sincerely,



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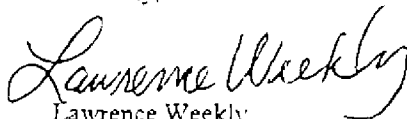
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Dear Chairman Martin:

On behalf of the Saginaw County 9-1-1 Communications Center in Saginaw, Michigan, I am writing to urge the Commission to dramatically improve public safety communications for all first responders by taking advantage of the historic opportunity being presented. The FCC can bring an end to the days when lives are lost because one agency cannot communicate to another by making the decision to designate at least 10 MHz of commercial spectrum (known as the "E Block") for a public/private broadband partnership.

There are two major obstacles that have halted efforts in the past to bring about a nationwide, interoperable broadband network for public safety. First, the funds simply do not exist. Secondly, public safety needs a wider spectrum than currently available to make a broadband network work. The plan proposed by Frontline Wireless solves both of these obstacles by providing for a build out of the network with private capital and a doubling of spectrum availability to first responders and other public safety officials when they are needed most. Through modern technology, this network would allow local agencies substantial control while becoming truly national in scope, serving 99% of the United States.

We have yet to see another plan that would create the network we need to bring public safety communications into the 21st Century. The stakes are too high to wait any longer for a designated public safety network. In the wake of the September 11th and Hurricane Katrina tragedies, our first responders need better tools to perform the tasks they have bravely undertaken. The time for us to act is now. I fully support the FCC creating a national license for Frontline and others to bid on in a fair auction, requiring wide-area coverage, mandatory build out and open protocols compatible with network security.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this important matter.

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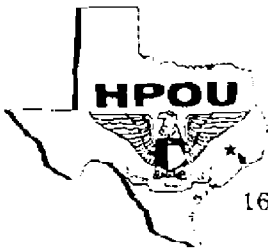
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President

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Tim Gobble
Bradley County Sheriff

Cc: Commissioner Deborah Tate
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Madison County Sheriff

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We need to create the network that brings public safety communications into the 21st Century. Some have suggested that public safety's needs could be served by a network that leaves fully 25 percent of the U.S. population uncovered. That plan is certainly not the sort of "national" network that will make the American people safer and that is certainly not good enough. Six years after 9/11 and nearly two years after Hurricane Katrina, the stakes are too high to succumb to these and other claims that public safety's network will have to wait for another day. The time to act is now. We implore the Commission to put the safety of our country and its citizens first.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this important matter.-----

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Los Angeles Police Protective League

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Baker", written over the printed name.

ROBERT BAKER
President

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cc: FCC Commissioners



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The Honorable Kevin Martin
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Re: Written *Ex Parte* Communication; WT Docket Nos. 06-150, 06-169 and 96-86; PS Docket No. 06-229

Dear Chairman Martin:

On behalf of the El Paso Municipal Police Officers' Association, we are writing to urge the Commission to take advantage of the historic opportunity before it to dramatically improve public safety communications for all first responders. If it makes the right decision and designates at least 10 MHz of commercial spectrum (known as the "E Block") for a public/private broadband partnership, the FCC can bring an end to the days when lives are lost because one agency cannot talk to another agency.

There are two major obstacles that have hampered efforts to bring about a nationwide interoperable broadband network for public safety. First, the funds simply aren't there. Second, public safety needs more spectrum than it has to make a broadband network work. There is a plan that has been proposed that solves both of these problems by providing for a build out of the network with private capital and a doubling of spectrum available to first responders and other public safety officials when it's needed most. This network would be truly national in scope, serving 99 percent of the U.S. population, but through modern technology would allow local agencies substantial control.

We have yet to see another plan that would create the network we need to bring public safety communications into the 21st Century. One commercial incumbent even suggested that public safety's needs could be served by a network that leaves fully 25 percent of the U.S. population uncovered. That's certainly not the sort of "national" network that will make the American people safer. The stakes are too high to succumb to

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Sincerely,

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Robert Holguin
President

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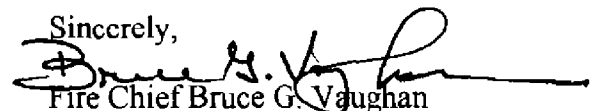
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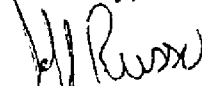
Dear Chairman Martin:

With my 9 1/2 years of experience as a fire fighter/ fire investigator, I know how important communication is during an emergency. Talking within our team and with other public safety agencies is essential in saving lives. I believe it is important that the FCC makes the right decision and designates at least 10 MHz of commercial spectrum (known as the "E Block") for a public/private broadband partnership.

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Sincerely,



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June 25, 2007

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to express our surprise and concern regarding the tentative conclusion reached by the Federal Communications Commission "to redesignate the 700 MHz public safety wideband spectrum for broadband use consistent with a nationwide interoperability standard, and to prohibit wideband operations on a going forward basis." Wideband systems may present more cost effective alternatives for certain public safety agencies, especially in lower populated, rural areas. Foreclosing wideband as an option could undermine public safety communications, and would mistakenly rely on a one-size-fits-all solution for public safety agencies with disparate population densities, operational requirements, infrastructure capabilities, financial resources, and geographic jurisdictional responsibilities.

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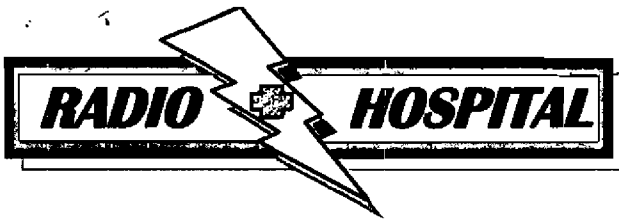
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. I urge the Commission to keep wideband solutions available as an option for public safety agencies.

Sincerely,

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